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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the patent application.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A supporting framework, comprising:

a roller having an axis positioned generally horizontally when in a use position, the roller having ~~a axial~~ axial extensions projecting out of ends of the roller;

a carrying frame carrying the roller, the carrying frame having upwardly extending bearing limbs, the bearing limbs each having a bearing opening, each one of the axial extensions of the roller extending into one of the bearing openings; and

lateral guide elements adjacent the bearing limbs and projecting beyond a radius of the roller, the lateral guide elements being pivotal back and forth between an active position and an inactive position, the lateral guide elements in the active position being exposed toward a top supporting surface of the roller.

Claim 2 (original): The supporting structure of claim 1, wherein the lateral guide elements are pivotal about the axial extensions.

Claim 3 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 1, wherein the lateral guide elements have a lug extending from a lug supporting disk.

Claim 4 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 3, wherein the lug supporting disk has a central bearing opening which is plugged onto one of the axial extensions and is at least partially surrounded by an approximately semicircular slot through which a fastener projects.

Claim 5 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 4, wherein the fastener is a screw screwed into a threaded bore of the bearing limb, the screw disposed directly beneath the axial extension and rests on a periphery of the semicircular slot by way of a screw head.

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Claim 6 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 1, further comprising a catch disposed on the bearing limb and, with the lateral guide element moved into the active position, projects into a slot in the lateral guide element.

Claim 7 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 6, wherein the catch is formed by a notched portion along a peripheral incision of the bearing limb.

Claim 8 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 6, wherein the lateral guide element is tilted about a fastening location and releases the catch.

Claim 9 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 6, wherein the lateral guide element in the active position is in a generally vertically upwardly oriented position in which the lateral guide element is secured against pivoting by the catch and a fastener projecting through the slot.

Claim 10 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 1, wherein the lateral guide elements have a pivoting handle which is at least partially sheathed in plastic material.

Claim 11 (original): The supporting framework according to claim 1, further comprising a double arrow on the lateral guide elements indicating directions of rotation of the lateral guide elements.

Claim 12 (original): The supporting framework according to any one of claims 3-5, wherein the lug supporting disk has a diameter smaller than a diameter of the roller.

Claim 13 (original): The supporting framework according to any one of claims 1 and 6-9, wherein the lateral guide element has a disk having a diameter less than a diameter of the roller, and a projection extending from the disk beyond the diameter of the roller.

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Claim 14 (currently amended): A roller stand, comprising:
a framework;
a roller support connected to the framework and having opposed first and second ends;
a workpiece-supporting roller supported by the roller support between the first and second ends; and

a workpiece guide movably mounted at the first end of the roller support and movable between an active position and an inactive position while mounted at the first end of the roller support, the workpiece guide in the active position having a guide portion extending above the workpiece-supporting roller and exposed toward a top supporting surface of the workpiece-supporting roller, the guide portion in the inactive position not extending above the workpiece-supporting roller when the workpiece guide is in the inactive position.

Claim 15 (original): The roller stand of claim 14, wherein the workpiece guide is pivotally mounted to the first end of the roller support.

Claim 16 (original): The roller stand of claim 15, wherein the workpiece guide pivots about an axis of the roller.

Claim 17 (original): The roller stand of claim 14, wherein the workpiece guide comprises a lug support rotatably mounted at the first end of the roller support and a lug extending from the lug support, the lug extending above the workpiece-supporting roller when the workpiece guide is rotated to the active position and not extending above the workpiece-supporting roller when the workpiece guide is rotated to the inactive position.

Claim 18 (original): The roller stand of claim 14, further comprising a position retainer associated with the workpiece guide and resisting movement of the workpiece guide from the active position.

Claim 19 (original): The roller stand of claim 18, wherein the position retainer further comprises a catch protrusion extending into a protrusion-receiving opening.

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Claim 20 (original): The roller stand of claim 19, wherein the protrusion-receiving opening is a slot, and the position retainer further comprises a stop projection extending into the slot.

Claim 21 (original): The roller stand of claim 14, wherein the roller is a cylindrical-shaped roller.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The roller stand of any one of claims 14-21, further comprising another workpiece guide movably mounted at the second end of the roller support and movable between an active position and an inactive position while mounted at the first end of the roller support, the workpiece guide at the second end in the active position having a guide portion extending above the workpiece-supporting roller and exposed toward the top supporting surface of the workpiece-supporting roller, the guide portion at the second end in the inactive position not extending above the workpiece-supporting roller when the workpiece guide at the second end is in the inactive position.

Claim 23 (original): The roller stand of claim 22, wherein the workpiece guides are movable between their respective active and inactive positions independently of each other.

Claim 24 (original): The roller stand of claim 17, wherein the lug is integral with the lug support.

Claim 25 (original): The roller stand of claim 14, wherein the first end of the roller support and the workpiece guide have opposed, generally flat surfaces in contact with each other.

Claim 26 (new): A roller stand, comprising:
a framework;
a roller support connected to the framework and having opposed first and second ends;
a workpiece-supporting roller supported by the roller support between the first and second ends;

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a first workpiece guide movably mounted at the first end of the roller support between an active position and an inactive position; and

a second workpiece guide movably mounted at the second end of the roller support between an active position and an inactive position, the first and second workpiece guides being movable between their respective active and inactive positions independently of each other.